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REMARKS

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Claims 1-11 and Claims ~~14~~ 18 are active in the application.

Applicants have amended Claims 1, 4 and 5 to correct errors in content of these claims. That is, the various starch groups identified in Claim 1 can be obtained in amphoteric, cationic anionic starches or the like form prior to the modification of the invention. Accordingly, the group of anionic starches set forth in previously amended Claim 1 is incorrect so that the starches, prior to modification, should be stated as in original Claim 1. In light of this explanation, the language of Claim 4 has also had to be modified to conform with Claim 1. Finally, the antecedent basis problem of Claims 5 to 7 is believed obviated by the amendment presently made to Claim 5. Entry of the amendments into the record is respectfully requested. None of the changes made are believed to have raised an issue of new matter.

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It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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